

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-44. (canceled)

45. (currently amended) An aqueous treating composition comprising tannic acid having a gallic acid content of less than about 1.0 parts by weight (pbw) ~~3.0 parts by weight (pbw)~~, wherein the tannic acid is present in the aqueous treating composition at up to about 0.5 pbw, based on a total weight of the aqueous treating composition.

46. (canceled)

47. (previously presented) The treating composition of claim 45, wherein the tannic acid is present in the composition at from about 0.005 pbw to about 0.4 pbw.

48. (previously presented) The aqueous treating composition of claim 45 having a pH of less than about 3.0.

49. (previously presented) The aqueous treating composition of claim 45, further comprising:

- a) a stain resist compound;
- b) a crosslinking agent;
- c) a fluorochemical; or
- d) an organosilicate material.

50. (previously presented) The aqueous treating composition of claim 49, wherein the stain resist compound is present and comprises:

- a) a polymer or copolymer of methacrylic acid;
- b) a phenolic resin;
- c) styrene-maleic anhydride copolymer; or
- d) an aqueous emulsion of polymerized monomers, wherein the monomers comprise (meth)acrylic acid, alkyl (meth)acrylic acid, and a substituted or unsubstituted styrene.

51. (previously presented) The aqueous treating composition of claim 49, wherein the stain resist compound is present at from greater than 0.0 pbw to about 2.0 pbw solids, based on a total weight of the aqueous treating composition.

52. (previously presented) The aqueous treating composition of claim 49, wherein the crosslinking agent is present and comprises antimony potassium tartrate or stannous chloride.

53. (previously presented) The aqueous treating composition of claim 49, wherein the fluorochemical is present at from about 0.001 pbw to about 5.0 pbw, based on a total weight of the aqueous treatment composition.

54-69. (canceled)

70. (new) A two-part aqueous treatment comprising:

- a. a first aqueous treating composition comprising tannic acid; and
- b. a second topical treating composition comprising a fluorochemical.

71. (new) The aqueous treatment of claim 70, wherein the tannic acid has a gallic acid content of less than about 3.0 parts by weight, based on a total weight of the aqueous treating composition.
72. (new) The aqueous treatment of claim 70, wherein the tannic acid has a gallic acid content of less than about 1.0 part by weight, based on a total weight of the aqueous treating composition.
73. (new) The aqueous treatment of claim 70, wherein the first aqueous treating composition comprises an immersion bath.
74. (new) The aqueous treatment of claim 70, wherein the second topical treating composition comprises a spray, a foam, or a combination thereof.
75. (new) The aqueous treatment of claim 70, wherein the first aqueous treating composition further comprises a crosslinking agent.
76. (new) The aqueous treatment of claim 75, wherein the crosslinking agent comprises antimony potassium tartrate.
77. (new) The aqueous treatment of claim 75, wherein the crosslinking agent comprises stannous chloride.
78. (new) The aqueous treatment of claim 70, wherein the second topical treating solution further comprises:
 - a. a stain resist compound;
 - b. a crosslinking agent; or
 - c. an organosilicate material.

79. (new) The aqueous treatment of claim 78, wherein the stain resist compound is present in the second topical treating composition and comprises:

- a. a polymer or copolymer of methacrylic acid;
- b. a phenolic resin;
- c. styrene-maleic anhydride copolymer; or
- d. an aqueous emulsion of polymerized monomers, wherein the monomers comprise (meth)acrylic acid, alkyl (meth)acrylic acid, and a substituted or unsubstituted styrene.

80. (new) A fiber, yarn or carpet comprising tannic acid and a topically applied fluorochemical.

81. (new) The fiber, yarn or carpet of claim 80, wherein the tannic acid has a gallic acid content of less than about 3.0 parts by weight, based on a total weight of the aqueous treating composition.

82. (new) The fiber, yarn or carpet of claim 80, wherein the tannic acid has a gallic acid content of less than about 1.0 part by weight, based on a total weight of the aqueous treating composition.